market for capital issue and are not able to mobilise funds and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a slump in the share market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : It is true that a large number of companies are going to the market for capital issues as is evidenced by the Data relating to the number of issues which hit the market during the last three months vis-a-vis those for the corresponding period during the previous year. The amount sought to be raised in the case of public issues especially, during February, 1993 vis-a-vis February, 1992, is almost double, while for March, 1993, vis-a-vis March, 1992 it is four times in terms of numbers and ten times in terms of value. In the case of right issues, while in terms of numbers it is almost constant, in terms of value it is about one and a half to two times of the corresponding period, possibly because of the premium element. However, as per newspaper reports many Issues did not do well and are reportedly undersubscribed. In two or three issues, underwriting agreements have also been invoked, calling upon the underwriters accept development.

(b) The reasons that could *be* attributed for the slump in the market range from bunching of issues general illiquidity in the hands of the investors during the months on account of requirements of funds for the purposes of savings in instruments for tax benefits, highly priced issues, law and order situation on account of the events which happened during the months, a depressed secondary market, etc.

Income Tax and Wealth Tax Returns filed by Ms. Jayalalitha

151. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleaesed to refer to the answer to UnStarred Question 3274 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th December. 1992 and state :

(a) whether the notices issued under the relevant Sections of the Income Tax Act and the Wealth Tax Act respectively by the Income Tax authorities to Ms. Jayalalitha have since been replied to alongwith the filled questionnaire;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what is the expiry period of the notice;

(d) whether Government are contemplating any action for failure to answer the notices;

(e) if the notices have been answered, whether Government have come to a conclusion that necessary evidence has been produced which adequately supports Ms. Jayalalitha's returns;

(f) whether Government are aware that Ms. Jayalalitha is a business partner in several partnership firms with one Mrs. Sasikala; and

(g) what are the names of such enterprises in whieh Ms. Jayalalitha is a partner with Mrs. Sasikala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) In answer to UnStarred Question No. 3274 for 15-12-92 referred to by the Hon'ble Member, it was answered that the Income Tax and Wealth Tax returns for assessment years 1990-91 to 1992-93 were filed on 20-11-92. As the present question of the Hon'ble Member is too general and does not specify the nature of notices he is referring to, it is not possible to answer these questions. However, the statutory time limit for completion of the Income Tax and Wealth Tax assessments for assessment year 1990-91, for which notices under section 148 of the Income Tax Act/17 of

the Wealth Tax Act have been issued is 31-3-95, and the limitation dates for assessment year 1991-92 and 1992-93 are 31-3-94 and 31-3-95 respectively.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The partnership firms in which Ms. Jayalalitha is a partner alongwith Mrs. Sasikata, as admitted in the returns, are :

1. M/s. Jaya Publications
2. M/s. Sari Enterprises.

Uti's Term Lending Functioning

152. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to segregate Unit Trust of India's term lending functions from mutual fund activities;

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the discrepancies noticed in the functioning of UTI so far;

(d) whether the bifurcation of the organisation will affect public deposits; and

(e) the names of the (institutions of which UTI lend money and at what rates of interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) The Government is examining all aspects relating to the Unit Trust of India in connection with the proposal to bring its mutual fund schemes under the regulatory framework of Securities and Exchange Board of India. At present, there is no formal proposal to segregate UTI's term lending functions from mutual fund activities. No dis erepancies in the functioning of UTI have come to the notice of the Government.

(e) UTI extends loans to loading financial institutions such as IDBI, ICICI. IFCI, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, HDFC and also to large public sector undertakings. At present, the rate of interest charged on the loans is 16.5% per annum.

Release of DA to Central Government Employees

153. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI .

W;.l the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to tate :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to freeze D.A., bonus and LTC to Central Government employees with immediate effect;

(b) if so, what are the details and reasons for such a move; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when Government propose to release the DA instalment to Central Government employees which became due on 1st January, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Additional instalment of Dearness Allowance due w.e.f. 1-1-1993, to the Central government employees has been released.

Control over stock markets

154. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to [stale what steps Government proposed to 'take to clean up the stock markets of non-descript companies who promote fiction and disappear after collecting crores of rupees from the pockets of small investors ?